

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, allowable claims 1-6 and 11-15 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 7-10 are canceled by this amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 and 11-15 were indicated as being allowed, and claims 7-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. As noted above, claims 7-10 have been canceled by this amendment. Therefore, allowable claims 1-6 and 11-15 are now the only claims pending in the application.

In view of the above, allowance of this application is now believed to be in order, and an indication of such is kindly requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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